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**BISHOP COBURN
PUBLISHES POEMS**

WILTON, Conn. -- Feeding Fire, a book of poems by the Rt. Rev. John B. Coburn, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts, has been published by Morehouse-Barlow Co., here.

This first book of poems to be published by Bishop Coburn has for its subtitle "A Journey of the Heart." The 34 poems can be read individually or approached as a whole, comprising a religious journey of hope, doubt, faith, and love, according to the publishers.

Chad Walsh has said of the poems, "The unobtrusive metrical forms focus the reader's attention on the content of the poems rather than on intricate poetic fireworks. At the same time, the total impact is that of poetry rather than prose. . . ."

"John Coburn's poems speak to all of us whose faith is nurtured and not diminished by doubt," Madeleine L'Engle has commented.

Bishop Coburn, who has been the diocesan in Massachusetts since 1976, was formerly dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and rector of St. James' Church in New York City. From 1969 to 1976 he was president of the House of Deputies of the General Convention.

Bishop Coburn is the author of several books, including The Hope of Glory; Christ's Life: Our Life; A Life to Live -- A Way to Pray; Prayer and Personal Religion; and Anne and the Sand Dobbies.

The book jacket for Feeding Fire is a reproduction of an original watercolor created especially for the book by Andrew Wyeth.

Feeding Fire is available at \$6.95 from Morehouse-Barlow, Co., 78 Danbury Road, Wilton, Conn. 06897.

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